Wit and Humor.

OPPOSED TO MATRIMONY.

"Is your family opposed to matrimony?"

"Wal, no, I rather guess not, seein' as how my mother has had four husbands, and stands a pretty smart chance of havin' another."

"Four husbands! Is it possible?"

"O, yes. You see, my mother's christened name was Mehitable Sheet, an' dad's name was Jacob Press; an' when they got married the printers said it was puttin' the sheets to press. When I was born they said I was the first edition.

An' you see mother used to be the tarnelest critter for evenin' meetins. She used to go out pretty late every night, an' dad was afraid I'd get into the same habit, so he used to put me to bed at early candle-light, cover me over with a pillar, an' put me to sleep with a boot jack. Wal, dad had to get up every night to let mother in; if he didn't get down and open the door pretty darned quick, when she cum, he'd ketch particular thunder, so dad used to sleep with his head out of the winder, so's to wake up quick, an' one night he got his head a little too far out, an' he slipped out altogether; an' down dad cum caflumus right down on the pavement, an' was smashed into ten thousand pieces?"

"What! was he killed by the fall?"

"Wal, no, not exactly by the fall. I rather kinder sorter guess as how it was the sudden fetch up on the pavement that killed him. But mam she cum hum, an' found him lyin' thar, an' she had him swept up together, 'an, put in a coffin, an' had a hole dug in the buryin' ground, an' had him put in an' buried up an' had a white-oak plank put up to his head and had it white-washed all over for a tombstone."

"So your mother was left a poor widow."

"Wal, yes, but she didn't mind that much; it wasn't long before she married Hide because he was just dad's size, and she wanted him to wear out dad's old clothes. Wal, the way old Hide used to hide me was a caution to my hide. Hide had a little the toughest hide of any hide except a bull's hide, and the way Hide used to hide away liquor in his hide was a caution even to a bull's hide. Wal, one cold day, old Hide got his hide so tarnal full of whiskey that he pitched head first into a snow bank where he stuck fast and friz to death. So mam had him pulled out, an' laid out, an' then had another hole dug in the buryin' ground, an' had him buried, an' then she had another white-oak plank put up at his head, an' whitewashed all over an'—"

"So your mother was again a widow."

"O, yes, but I guess she didn't lay awake nights long, to think about it, for in about three weeks she married John Strong—an' he was the strongest headed cuss you ever did see. He went a fishin' the other day, an' got drowned, and he was so tarnal strong headed, I'll be darned to darnation if he didn't float right against the currint, an' they found him three miles up stream, an' it took three yoke o' cattle to haul him out. Wal, mam had him buried long side o' tuther two, an' had a white-oak plank put up at his head, an' white-washed all over nice, an' so there's three on 'em, all in a row—"

"And your mother was a widow for the third time?"

"Yes, but mam didn't seem to mind it a tarnel sight. The next feller she married was Jacob Hayes, and the way mam makes him haze is a caution, now I tell ye. If he does anything a leetle out o' the way, mam makes him take a bucket and whitewash brush and go right up to the burying ground, and whitewash the three oak planks just to let him know what he may come to when she's planted him in the same row, an' got married to the fifth husband. So you see my family aren't a tarnal sight opposed to a dose of matrimony."

BARELY AHEAD.

Storekeeper.—"Yes, sir, there is no question about it; our extra extract of bear's toe, is just about *the* finest thing in creation for producing a tremendous rush of hair on a bald head."

Dispassionate Enquirer.—"Then might I take the liberty of asking how it is you remain with so little of the usual covering on your head."

Storekeeper.—"Yes, sir; certainly, certainly, sir; yes, oh, yes, sir—certainly, sir; yes, sir—y-e-e-s. Why the fact is this. I—I—put on such a remarkably large quantity once, that it all growed off in the middle of the night; that is to say, the hair died because it growed so fast; but then, you see, I put on too much, and I always make a habit of cautioning my customers against putting on more than a quarter of a pound at a time."

☞ ALL NATIONS were once naked and independent. Government came in with breeches—while we owe our laws to the introduction of boots, fences and avarice. Till men have property they are free—having nothing to lose, they have no tyranny to protect it. From this it will be seen that Liberty is as much older than oppression, as fig leaves are older than corduroys.

☞ "Have you seen the new American coin, three pieces making a dollar?"

"No, there is no such coin."

"Bet the liquor for the crowd there is."

"Done, show us the coin."

"Here it is" (producing two American quarters and a half dollar.)

"Em sold, what'll you drink?"

☞ "AH!" said old Mrs. Doosenbury, "larning is a great thing: I've often felt the need of it. Why, would you believe it, I'm now sixty years old, and only know the names of three months in the year; and them's spring, fall and autumn; I larnt the names of them when I was a leetle bit of a gal!"

☞ YOUNG MAN, do you know what relations you sustain in this world?" said a minister of our acquaintance to a young member of the church.

"Yes, sir," said the hopeful convert, "two cousins and a grandmother; but I don't intend to sustain them much longer."

☞ "THERE is no truth in men," said a lady in company, "they are like musical instruments, which sound a variety of tones." "In other words, madam," said a wit who chanced to be present, "you believe that all men are *lyres!*"

☞ A WESTERN jury, holding an inquest over a man who died in prison, returned the following queer verdict: "The way of the transgressor is hard, and he died from natural causes."

☞ COUNTRY PAPERS are often bothered for a line or two to fill up a column. The Delaware *Luna* perpetrates the following:—

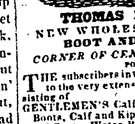
The devil jumped up in a terrible rage,
And set two lines to fill out this page.

☞ A MAN out west, says that Whiskey Punch would be a great blessing to the human family, if there was no to-morrow morning.

THOMAS FOSTER & CO.,
NEW WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
BOOT AND SHOE STORE.
CORNER OF CENTRE AND MARKET STS.
POTTSVILLE.

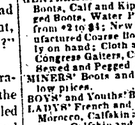
THE subscribers invite the attention of the public to the very extensive assortment of Goods, consisting of GENTLEMEN'S Calf Stitched, Fudged and Pegged Boots, Calf and Kip, double soled Sewed and Pegged Boots, Water Proof Boots Sewed and Pegged, from $2 to $4; New England and Philadelphia manufactured Coarse Boots, in great variety, constantly on hand; Cloth and Lasting Gaiter Boots, and Congress Gaiters, Calf Nullifiers, Oregon Ties, and Sewed and Pegged Monroes.
MINERS' Boots and Monroes, of first quality, at low prices.
BOYS' and Youths' Boots and Monroes coarse or fine.
LADIES' French and English Lasting Gaiter Boots, Morocco, Calfskin and Goat Buteres, French Morocco, Kid well and pump spring Buckins and Jeffersons, French Morocco and Kid Turnrounds, from 50 cts. to $1; Mew England Bootees and Shoes of all kinds cheap.
MISSES' and Childrens Bootees and Shoes, a large assortment suitable for this market, constantly on hand.
GUM Elastic Shoes.
Our stock of Gum Elastic Shoes are of the best manufactured articles the country can afford. Ladies and Gentlemen would do well to call and provide themselves with good Gum Shoes, the best preventitive yet discovered of Cold, Coughs and Consumption.
TRUNKS, Carpet Bags and Valices.
The Travelling community will find us well supplied with all the above articles which we will sell at moderate prices.
Boots and Shoes, made and repaired to order.
TERMS CASH.
Dec. 15, 1849. 48-1y

RAGE FOR ANNEXATION.



THE friends of peace and order need not fear to go in strong for Davy's Annexation Air-tight Cooking Stove, because they have no difficulty to manage it, and it performs to admiration—Every House-keeper in want of a Cooking Stove, should go in for one of them which burns either wood or coal, (six sizes) call and see for yourselves, the recommendations from those that have this Stove in use. For Parlor, Hall or Office, the Gas Burner stands unrivalled, and is therefore highly recommended, warranted to perform well, is very clean, easily managed, and economical. Also for sale a very extensive assortment of almost all kinds of Stoves and Patterns that can be named, and too numerous to mention. The Public, my friends and merry, merry, are invited to call if they want of Stoves. Castings for repairing kept on hand.
N. B. Davy's Annexation Cook and Gas Burner are sole agents for these parts.
JACOB F. PLEIS'
Old Stand, 97 N 2d St., Philadelphia, who has the exclusive right for this market. 56 2m
Sept. 6, 1851.

LIBERTY STOVE WORKS.
BROWN street, above FOURTH, Philadelphia.

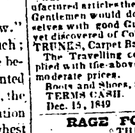


THE undersigned respectfully inform the public that they have commenced operating in their new FOUNDRY and are now ready to execute CASTINGS of every description, on the most reasonable terms.
They invite the attention of Stove Dealers to their large assortment of STOVES all of which are entirely new, got up at a considerable expense expressly for the Fall Trade, among which are the Liberty Air-Tight Cook, Complete Cook, Star Air Tight, Star Franklin, Jenny Lind Fire King Radiator, Salamanders, Tea Kettle, &c.
As a guarantee of using the best quality of iron, employing the best Moulders and Finishers the dealer will find it to their advantage to call and see their assortment, before purchasing elsewhere, as no pains or expense will be spared to make their Castings saleable and attractive. Particular attention paid to Jobbing.
ABBOTT & LAWRENCE.
August 16, 1851. 33-3m

A GREAT EXCITEMENT
AMONG THE PEOPLE.

BY EXAMINING his large Stock of Stoves, Tin, Hollow and Brass Ware at S. HOOVER'S, Pottsville, Pa. Now is the time for cheap Bargains, the undersigned would respectfully call the attention of Schuylkill county and vicinity in general, to his large and most splendid assortment of Cooking, Parlor Office and Hall Stoves, ever offered before the public. Among which are the Etna Air-tight, the Globe Air-tight, which are suitable for tavern use or Boarding Houses. Also the Vernon Air-tight, Independent Air-tight the flat top complete, and Spring-Air-tight, the complete Cook, improved, and various other kinds of Cooking Stoves. Also a splendid list of Parlor Stoves, among which is a square cast iron Parlor, the Dolphin Radiator, the square screen, the Benj Franklin, open front parlor and many other various styles. Also on hand a large and handsome style of Chamber, Room-, Office and Hall Stoves. He has on hand always a large stock of Tin Ware, Hollow Ware, Brass Ware and Japanned Ware. Which he always has on hand wholesale and retail at lower prices than have been purchased for before. You will please call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.
All kinds of Tin and Sheet Iron work done at the shortest notice.
SOLOMON HOOVER,
Centre Street, 4 doors above Market Street, Pa.
August 2, 1851 31-tf

New Foundry and Machine Shop.

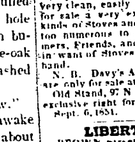


THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE FORMED a co-partnership, under the name and firm of THOMAS CORSON & JOHNSTON, for the purpose of prosecuting the Tool and Machine making business, are now ready at their New Works, on the corner of Markley and Lafayette streets, in the borough of Norristown, to furnish castings of all descriptions, at short notice and on reasonable terms.
Machines & Tools of all descriptions made to order on the most approved plan, under the supervision of Mr. John Miller, who is experienced in this branch of business, having directed his attention to it for a number of years.
They are also prepared to undertake all kinds of Engine building and repairing, which will be executed with neatness and dispatch. Also: Shaftings turned and fitted to order, of any size and length, and Boilers built of the best material.
Johnson's Patent Cock done and attended to promptly, and the public may be assured that no effort will be spared to give satisfaction with all orders which may be entrusted to them.
SAMUEL THOMAS,
R. R. CORSON,
ARCHIBALD JOHNSTON.
June 7, 1851. 22—6m

BEAVER MEADOW IRON WORKS.

HUDSON & ALLEN, IRON AND BRASS Founders, respectfully inform their patrons, and the public generally, that they are now prepared, at the above establishment, to manufacture Steam Engines of every size; Pumps, Railroad and Drift Cars, and every other description of Iron and Brass Castings suitable for the Coal mining or other business, on the most reasonable terms. Also, Blowing Cylinders for Blast Furnaces and Machine work in general.
Repairing of all kinds done with neatness and despatch, at the lowest prices. All work furnished by them will be warranted to perform well. They would solicit the custom of those who may want articles in their line in this vicinity. All orders will meet with immediate and prompt attention.
S. W. HUDSON,
L. H. ALLEN.
March 15, 1851. 11-1y.

POTTSVILLE IRON WORKS.



SPENCER & MASON RESPECTFULLY announce to the public that they have taken the Establishment known as the Pottsville Iron Works on Norwegian street, where they are prepared to build all kinds of Steam Engines, manufacture Railroad Cars, and Machinery of almost every description, at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms—Persons from abroad, in want of Steam Engines, will find it to their advantage to give them a call before engaging elsewhere. [May 11. 1f

PASCAL IRON WORKS.
PHILAD'A.—WELDED WROUGHT Iron Flues, suitable for Locomotives, Marine and other Steam Engine Boilers, from 3 to 5 inches in diameter. Also Pipes for Gas, Steam and other purposes; extra strong Tube for Hydraulic Presses; Hollow Pistons for Pumps of Steam Engines &c. Manufactured and for sale by
MORRIS, TASKER & MORRIS.
Warehouse S. E. corner 3d and Walnut sts

FOUNDRY PROPERTY FOR SALE.

THE SUBSCRIBER wishing to leave the county, offers his Foundry, Machine and other shops for sale. They are situated in the Borough of Tamaqua, and are well fitted up for business. Every information respecting the business heretofore done, will be given to persons wishing to purchase. Terms made easy.
JOHN K. SMITH.
Tamaqua, July 5, 1851. 27-tf.

EAGLE IRON WORKS.
IN THE BOROUGH OF POTTSVILLE.—formerly conducted by Chas. W. Pitman. J. Wren & Co. respectfully solicit a continuance of the custom of the works. Being practical Mechanics, they flatter themselves that their knowledge and experience of the business will enable them to turn out work that will not fail to give satisfaction to the most fastidious. They are prepared to manufacture Steam Engines, Pumps, Coal Breakers, Drift Cars, Railroad and other Castings, &c.
All orders thankfully received and promptly executed on the most reasonable terms.
JOHN WREN,
THOMAS WREN,
JAMES WREN.
June 15, 1850—24-1y]

COACH MAKER'S REMOVAL.

THE SUBSCRIBER HAVING FITTED up one of the largest Coach Shops in the State, in Coal Street, Pottsville, Pa., next to J. H. Adams & Co.'s Screen Factory, where his facilities for manufacturing all kinds of Carriages and Light Wagons cannot be surpassed—being a practical Mechanic, and having a number of years' experience in the business, he hopes to give general satisfaction.
All kinds of Carriages and Light Wagons kept on hand. Also, second-hand Wagons, &c.
All repairs neatly done. Orders from a distance promptly attended to.
WISTAR A. KIRK.
June 5, 1848 23-tf

CARPETS and FLANNELS for SALE.
THE SUBSCRIBER RESPECTFULLY CALLS the attention of his customers and the public generally to his stock of Ingrain, Listing, and Rag Carpets, and also Flannels and Matts, Ingrain Carpet from 50 to 80 cents, Listing 50, Rag Carpets from 37½ to 45 cents per yard, Ingrain Carpets *warranted all wool and fast colors* at 60 cents per yard, and Stair Carpets, Venetian and Rag from 25 to 28.
J. FRANKLIN HARRIS,
Manufacturer of Carpets and Flannels,
North West Corner of Centre and Minersville Streets,
Pottsville Pa.
July 26, 1851 30-tf

A PAPER FOR EVERY BODY!
AN ENTERPRISE BASED ON LOW POSTAGE!
PROSPECTUS OF THE
WEDNESDAY DOLLAR JOURNAL.

THE "WEDNESDAY DOLLAR JOURNAL" is the title of a weekly paper, to be published in this Borough after the first of July next. The DOLLAR JOURNAL will be devoted to EDUCATION, TEMPERANCE, POLITICS, AGRICULTURE, GENERAL NEWS, &c. It will be independent in character, fearless in tone, and aim constantly to furnish the most correct, dispassionate, and reliable views of the subjects under discussion. It is designed expressly to accommodate the wants of the *people*, in asserting and advocating their rights, and to serve as a medium of expression for their views: the publisher therefore intends to make it just such a paper as the spirit of the times demands, for circulation among the masses. Its cheapness, and the importance of the field of labor it enters upon, will very greatly extend its circulation, and render it undoubtedly one of the most serviceable journals of the day.
The JOURNAL will be printed on good paper, about the size of the MINERS' JOURNAL, before its enlargement. A new font of type is now casting for it; and with the advantage of a Power Press, the publisher hopes to furnish a paper that will compare favorably with any in the State.
The matter will be entirely distinct from the MINERS' JOURNAL; and therefore those who now take that paper, need not hesitate to subscribe for the WEDNESDAY DOLLAR JOURNAL.
The First Number of the DOLLAR JOURNAL will appear in June, as a specimen, and be continued regularly after the first of July. Subscribers will therefore send in their names immediately, as the paper *will be published*
TERMS:—$1 a year, payable *in advance*.
Clubbing.

The WEDNESDAY DOLLAR JOURNAL will be furnished to one address, as follows:		For WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY'S JOURNALS, to one address, as follows:	
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		30 " "	60 00

The very low rates at which the paper is offered, compels us to require the subscription invariably in advance.
Particular attention will be paid to the state of the markets in the Coal Region.
As several thousand copies of the specimen number will be printed, it will afford a fine opportunity for advertising. Advertisements inserted in the specimen copy, must be sent in before the 10th of June next.
Every young man ought to subscribe to this paper, as the terms of subscription are within the reach of all.
☞ Post Masters will please act as Agents, in forming Clubs, &c., and forwarding subscriptions. For every Club of Fifteen, we will furnish a copy *gratis* to the person who forms the Club.
☞ The MINERS' JOURNAL is published every Saturday, on an extra large sheet, at $2 per annum. For Clubs, as follows: To one address, three copies $5; seven copies $10; fifteen copies, $20, and one copy *gratis* to the person who forms a Club of fifteen.
Rates of Postage after the 1st of July.
Free to all Subscribers in Schuylkill County.

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BENJAMIN BANNAN, *Publisher.*
Pottsville, May 24, 1851 21—

POTTSVILLE ACADEMY.
THE undersigned having been entrusted with the direction of the Pottsville Academy, takes the liberty to recommend this Institution to the patronage of the public. The principal, who received his education in the best universities of Germany and Paris, and who has been for several years engaged in teaching in this country, will teach ancient and modern languages, as Latin Greek, Hebrew, German and French, the higher branches of Mathematics, as Geometry; Algebra, Surveying, Mensuration and Calculus, as well as Natural Philosophy and the principles of Chemistry; whilst Mr J. T. SHOESER, a graduate of Yale College and a practical Bookkeeper, will teach Spelling, Reading, Writing, Composition, Rhetoric, Arithmetic, History and Geography. The principles of Book Keeping will be taught and the pupils exercised in the keeping of actitious accounts by double entry. Maria G. Ayer, a graduate of New Hampshire Female Seminary, has been engaged to teach the Elementary branches and Sewing. Female small at boys will be faithfully taught by the teachers themselves, and to young men an opportunity will be afford of to prosecute their studies as far as any of the common Colleges. With a strict discipline shall be combined a respectful and kind treatment of the scholars. Pupils from abroad can be accommodated with board in good respectable families, or in the public boarding houses. Those desiring to learn the German language thoroughly, can find admittance in an accomplished German family. The terms are $25 per quarter, payable at the beginning of the quarter. The year is divided into 2 sessions. First session to commence on the 1st Monday in Sept. & to continue 22 wks; viz: 2 wks before the Christmas holidays, & 2 wks after New Year to close the 2d Monday in April $7, and $2 50 extra, 2d from thence to the 3d Monday in July, $7, and $2 50 extra; in the preparatory class, 10 dollars a year, 6 dollars for the second term, and 4 dollars for the 2d and 3d each. Bills payable at the end of the first month of each session. It is highly important that every scholar should attend the School with the commencement of the first session.
L. ANGELE, Principal.
July 12, 1851 28 1w

Franklin Venitian Blind Manufactory.
NOS BEAN, NO. 200 RACE STREET, TWO Doors above 4th, opposite Franklin Square Philadelphia, where he will keep constantly on hand or manufacture to order a superior and fashionable assortment of Venitian Blinds, unsurpassed for lightness, richness, durability and finish, which will be sold on the most reasonable terms. He respectfully solicits a continuation of the patronage of his friends and the readers of the Mineral Journal, and invite all who study economy, in the way of *cheap* and excellent Blinds, to give him a call.
N. B. Old Blinds neatly repaired, painted and trimmed. Orders from the country carefully put up.
Phila., Oct. 19, 1850 42-1y

N. M NEWNAM'S
(Beatty's Row, Norwegian street, Pottsville, Penna.)
Plumbing Shop.
HAS CONSTANTLY ON HAND A SUPPLY OF all sizes of Lead Pipe, Sheet Lead, Block Tin, Bath Tubs, Shower Baths, Hydrants, Force Pumps and Stand Assist Pumps and Water Closets; also, all kinds of Brass Cocks for water and steam, Brass Oil Cups, and Globes for Engines. All kinds of Copper Work and Repairing done in the neatest manner at the shortest notice.
N. B. Cash paid for old Brass and Lead.
Pottsville, Oct. 26, 1850. 43-tf

COTTAGE FURNITURE.
HART, MERCER & CO., No. 80 CHESNUT street, above Tenth, Manufacturers of Painted Cottage Chamber Furniture. The subscribers would call the attention of the public to their extensive assortment of the above Furniture. Persons furnishing Cottages, Hotels, Boarding-houses, &c, will find it much to their advantage to examine his new style of furniture before purchasing, as it is durable, ornamental and low priced. Complete sets from $30 upwards; Sets or Single Pieces painted and ornamented in any style to order. Also, Chairs, Extension Tables and other Furniture at very low prices.
N. B. The Trade supplied as usual.
Philada., June 28, 1851 26 3m

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICE.
MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WANTED.—ALL persons wishing employment, big and little, young and old, male and female, and also, all persons wishing to employ any and all kinds of hands, in town and country, will receive useful information by calling at the office of the subscriber in Market street, Pottsville, Pa. ☞ Terms moderate.
N. M. WILSON, J. P.
Land Agent and General Collector.
April 5, 1851 14-1y

SHOEMAKERS' GOODS.
ON HAND, AND CONSTANTLY RECEIVING of our own importation—all kinds of Boots, Shoes and Trimmings. Merchants and Manufacturers will be well supplied with articles in the above line—which will be sold on accommodating terms.
JOHN GILLIS & PAYNE.
Importer and Dealers in Shoemakers' Goods,
N. E. corner of FOURTH & ARCH streets, Philada.
July 26, 1851 30-3m

LUMBER YARD—THE ATTENTION OF Builders, Owners, or prospective Owners of Building Materials, is called to the fact that we are now prepared to offer for sale, the following articles, viz: Pine Boards, Plank, Scantling, Lath, Shingles, Pickets, Pine Boards in the Rough, Pine Boards Dressed and Matched, Pine Boards Planed and Matched, Pine Boards Planed, Tongued and Grooved, Pine Boards Planed, Tongued, Grooved and Beaded, Pine Plank Dressed and Matched, Pine Plank Planed and Matched, Pine Plank Planed, Tongued and Grooved, Pine Plank Planed, Tongued, Grooved and Beaded, Pine Plank Planed on one side, Pine Plank Planed on one side and one edge, Pine Plank Planed on one side and one edge, Tongued and Grooved, Pine Plank Planed on one side and one edge, Tongued, Grooved and Beaded, Pine Plank Planed on one side and one edge, Dressed and Matched, Pine Plank Planed on one side and one edge, Dressed and Matched, Tongued and Grooved, Pine Plank Planed on one side and one edge, Dressed and Matched, Tongued, Grooved and Beaded, Pine Plank Dressed and Matched, Beaded, Pine Plank Dressed and Matched, Beaded, Tongued and Grooved, Pine Plank Dressed and Matched, Beaded